

Hats off to everyone who helped make Elba's Sesquicentennial Celebration possible

by Linda Hodge, Editor

When the "Celebrate Elba 150" events began back in April, it seemed like forever before we would reach the conclusion. Now, that time has come and gone, and we're left looking back in reflection.

It was a year filled with events planned not only to help everyone remember Elba's rich history, but also to have a bit of fun while remembering.

From the Fun Run/Walk and Youth Fishing Tournament to the George Jones Concert and Sesquicentennial Ball, citizens were offered an array of events to keep things happening in Elba.

Of course, a celebration of Elba's history would not have

been complete if the rain had not visited a time or two throughout the year. After all, Elba is famous for dealing with the effects of rain.

The "Celebrate Elba 150" Festival was the most effected by the rain; however, Elba folks have proven time and time again that it takes more than a little rain to keep us down. So, the rain coats went on and the umbrellas opened up as everyone made the best of the situation.

On a side note, I personally believe the planning committee made an excellent move when they chose to hold the "History of Elba" play as the last event. It was by far my favorite event from the year.

For those who were unable to attend, the play was written and

performed by Elba City School students, and each and every student should be commended.

It was not hard to see that these students had spent a lot of time working on the play from researching Elba's history during the writing process to getting to know the character one was portraying, and I can't think of a better way for the celebration to have ended!

As for us here at the newspaper, we wanted to pay tribute to Elba and its citizens throughout the past 150 years. Therefore, we chose to salute the past with this Sesquicentennial edition of the paper.

It was not an easy task thanks to those pesky floods of the 90s, but with the help of our citizens, we

were able to compile enough information to complete the paper. Unfortunately, there are still many, many important events missing from our collection, but we hope the ones we have will jog someone's memory of former events and bring a smile to their face.

As for me, it has been an honor to work on this paper. I have always been proud to call Elba my home, and researching the past for this edition of the newspaper has only helped my admiration for the city and its people to grow.

One day someone will look back on our present day here in Elba, and I only hope they will be as proud of our accomplishments as we are of the ones before us.

This edition of the paper is dedicated to anyone and everyone who calls Elba home or has a special place for it in their heart. It is filled with stories and pictures from the past, as well as, scenes from this year's 150th celebration.

We hope you enjoy remembering what has taken place through the years, and keep tomorrow's memories with you always.

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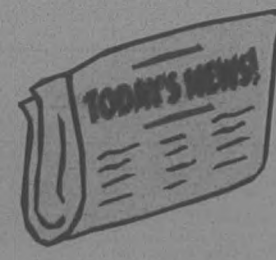
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Filled with Wonderful Memories, Tradition and Excellence!!!!!!!

We hope you've enjoyed this Sesquicentennial Edition



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Elba Tigers get
first win of
football season



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Elba Criminal Jury term of court held

A criminal jury term of court was held at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba recently with all three Circuit Judges (i.e. Judge Thomas E. Head III, Judge Steven Blair and Judge Bill Barr) present for the purpose of bringing the cases to resolution.

District Attorney Gary J. McAlley, who serves the Twelfth Circuit as its chief law enforcement officer, said he was "...very satisfied so many felony cases were resolved during the Elba criminal jury term of court." He praised "...local law enforcement officers for their hard work and professional excellence in bringing so many criminals to justice."

Those cases resolved are as follows:

• Tennyson Bender, a former Elba Work Release inmate, was declared guilty of willful failure of inmate to remain in extended limits of confinement and was

sentenced by Judge Barr to three months in the Coffee County Jail.

• Tony Terrell Burks was declared guilty of attempted burglary in the third degree and was sentenced to one year in the Coffee County Jail; sentence was suspended and defendant was placed on one year probation.

• Paul David Carr was declared guilty of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine and was sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary with a requirement that he serve three years of said sentence before being released on three years probation. He was also ordered to pay fines of \$1,100 and his driver's license was suspended for six months.

• Jeffery Craig Chappell's case was to be dismissed on payment to the victim of \$31,000 in damages.

• Charles Edward Jones was

found guilty by a jury of the unlawful manufacture of a controlled substance, methamphetamine. Judge Barr set sentencing for a later date.

• Jerry Edward Rollin was declared guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to one year in the Coffee County Jail. He was ordered to complete a substance abuse program as recommended by the court referral officer. His sentence was suspended, and he was placed on one year probation.

• Rebecca Lynn Atwell was declared guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced to one year in the Coffee County Jail. Her sentence was suspended, and she was placed on one year probation.

• Jeffery Wayne Parker was declared guilty of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine and was sentenced by Judge Head to 15 years in the state penitentiary with a requirement that he serve three of those years. He was also ordered to pay fines of \$1,100.

Individual tickets for the Coffee County Arts Alliance performances may be purchased in Enterprise at David's West

not only as Americans, but as human beings.

"Letters from the Front" is written by Robert Rector and produced by Marsha Roberts. Rector-Roberts Productions has brought its International Theatrical Company to audiences during 10 national and four overseas tours and has visited 170 military installations.

This performance is made possible in part by a grant from The Alabama State Council On the Arts.

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Elba set to host upcoming CCAA event "Letters from the Front"

As part of its 30th Anniversary season, the Coffee County Arts Alliance will present "Letters from the Front" Tuesday evening, Oct. 28, from the Elba High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Letters from the Front is the story of feisty writer Katharine Harigrove and radio comic Johnny Chastain, the oddest of couples, as they try to forge a relationship in the midst of a world at war.

Woven into the plot are ACTUAL letters from every major American conflict from Valley Forge to Afghanistan.

Through laughter, tears, music and dance, "Letters from the Front" brings audiences face to face with what people stand for

enlightened with airplanes and flying.

If interested in aviation and not too shy to ask questions it

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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES for the new Julian Bryan Taylor Diagnostic Laboratory building were held Tuesday morning at the 203 Bypass Street site. The new, modern facility will be located immediately behind the present lab building. This old building will be removed once the new building is completed and occupied.

Commissioner Ron Sparks, of the State of Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, was present and stressed the importance of this facility to South Alabama and to farmers throughout the state. The commissioner, who committed to making this new facility a reality during his statewide campaign for the office two years ago, also thanked his predecessor, former Commissioner Charles Bishop, Alabama Senator Jimmy Holley, Representative Terry Spicer, Mayor James Grimes, U. S. Senators Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions, U. S. Representative Terry Everett and all those who have worked at the facility during the past 40 years for their efforts in making it all come to this point and for working to make it what the facility promises to be for the future.

The staff should be in the new building before Christmas 2004. R & S Contracting of Headland is the general contractor for the project. Actual construction is expected to get underway within the next week.

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A scene from "Letters from the Front"

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Area Happenings

THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Oct. 24, as the Elba Tigers host Clarke County; the New Brockton Gamcocks host Wicksburg; the Kinston Bulldogs host Pleasant Home; the Zion Chapel Rebels travel to Cottageville; and the Brantley Bulldogs host Florida.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Oct. 27, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will present "Pumpkins on the Square" Thursday, Oct. 30, on the square in downtown Elba from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Candles will be given to youngsters dressed in costume. Hay rides will also be provided.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL'S annual Homecoming Parade will be Friday, Oct. 31, at 3 p.m. The deadline for submitting parade entries is Thursday, Oct. 30, at 12 Noon. Call Elba High School (337-2266) to submit entries. Parade participants should meet behind the old high school at 1:30 p.m. for line-up assignments. For more information, please see the Tiger Tales page.

TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS for the Town of New Brockton will be Friday, Oct. 31, from 5 - 7 p.m.



CHICKENS EXPERIENCE UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS...Chickens were everywhere Tuesday morning, Oct. 21, after a truck carrying approximately 7,000 birds overturned on Coffee County Road 239 in the Woodland Grove community, near the intersection with County Road 233. The truck, owned by Wayne Farms, was driven by Michael Coppage, and was transporting the load of chickens to a local processing plant when the accident occurred. As can be seen above, containers and chickens scattered all along the side of the road after the truck turned over. Coppage was transported by emergency personnel to a local hospital to receive treatment for what was considered to be minor injuries. Responding to the scene were units from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the Elba Fire Department. The accident was investigated by Alabama State Trooper Glen Furukawa.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

There is no doubt that it is homecoming season in Coffee County. Our picture taking staff is going in several directions at once, trying to keep up with the parades, crowning of queens, etc.

The headlines in the daily newspapers on Tuesday of this week disturbed us a bit. Not that we think they are making up things or telling lies, etc; it is the history behind the headlines that are upsetting. Federal guidelines for a school teacher to be classified "highly qualified" were set a year or so ago. There are certain hoops for teachers to jump through to become "highly qualified." These are things some federal pencil pusher decided our teachers needed and may be well and good but... There are more than 35% of the teachers most of us know who are "highly qualified" and Alabama has had such people for generations. We are a walking example of dedicated teachers doing their job. An English teacher of bygone generations looked us in the eye one day while the class was learning to diagram sentences and said "Ferrin Cox you are going to learn this whether you want to or not" ... and we learned it! Others taught (and still teach) many of us by making the subject matter fun. Now our "old days" English teacher has long ago retired, but that lady and many others who taught us and countless other Alabama children qualify for "highly qualified" in reality but not in the eyes of that federal pencil pusher. It is great to keep raising the bar on various standards but there should be some way existing teachers would not be slammed during the process.

The new animal diagnostic lab will be under construction within a week. Another building project underway for Elba when citizens are already grumbling about the volume of dump trucks and other construction vehicles moving around town. Boy, we like to hear that sort of complaining! Actually the work that is most in the way of motorists is the levee rehab work. A lot of dirt is being hauled, pavement is being disrupted and at the highway crossings, traffic is being disrupted. There are three sets of flood gates being installed... 84 East, Kinston Highway and Caroline Street. Then there is the build up of the roadway at the Troy Highway and Martin Luther King levee crossings. The workers seem to be disrupting things as little as possible, but it is a necessity for motorists to be redirected during this process. Then when these motorists are redirected to the 203 Bypass, they encounter the construction for Toledo Molding and now the diagnostic lab. As bad as most of us want the U. S. 84 widening to get going, it is probably good they are not moving dirt in Elba right now.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Oct. 13, 2003, investigated the following incidents: two for harassment, two for assault, one for throwing rocks, three for theft of property, one breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, one burglary, one harassing communications, one criminal mischief, one unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and one vehicle damaged.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear and two for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for not wearing a seat belt, two for no proof of insurance, two for running a stop sign, one for no driver's license, two for speeding, one for driving with a suspended driver's license and one for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, OCT. 13 - River stage - 5.72 feet (6:23 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1822 Martin Luther King Dr. (1:42 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 5714 Taylor Mill Rd. (5:10 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the residence next to 1526 Gray St. (5:48 p.m.); Load music reported from 1882 Hickman Ave. (9:35 p.m.).

Good Luck, Anna!
Love, Reagan
Little Miss Elba

Miss Elba
Anna Anderson

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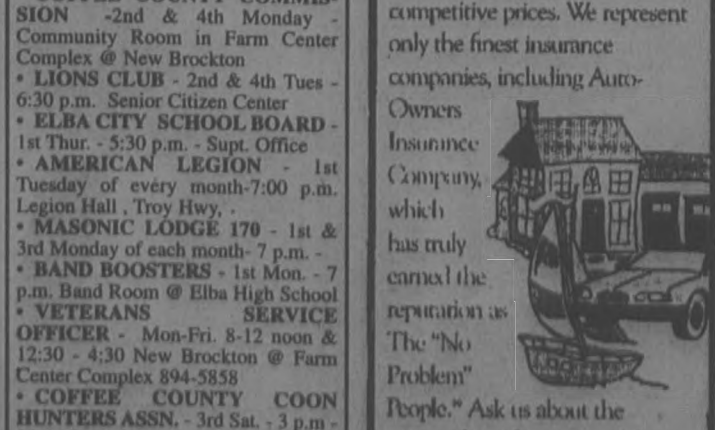
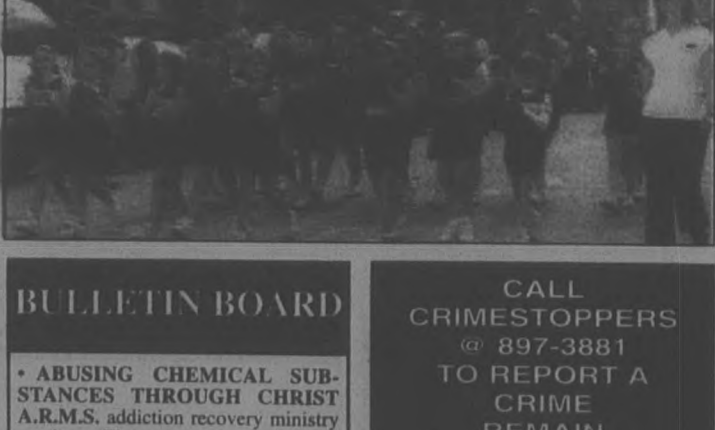
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6 Months - \$10, including city & state tax
Alabama Counties - \$21 per year - including tax
6 months - \$11
Outside Alabama - \$24 per year - 6 months - \$13

Scenes from Zion Chapel High School's homecoming parade



JURY

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and his driver's license was suspended for six months.

• Gloria Lorraine Harelson was declared guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced by Judge Blair to six months in the Coffee County Jail. Her sentence was suspended and she was placed on one year probation and ordered to complete a substance abuse program.

• Cynthia Elaine Free was declared guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia and was sentenced by Judge Head to six months in the Coffee County Jail. Her sentence was suspended and she was placed on six months probation.

• Michael E. Bullard's trafficking in methamphetamine, manufacturing of a controlled substance, possession of methamphetamine and receiving stolen property cases were dismissed after Judge Blair ordered the evidence found by law enforcement officers suppressed as the search warrant Judge Blair issued was not based on recent information.

• Leandra McCarty was declared guilty of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine and was sentenced by Judge Blair to two years in the state penitentiary with a requirement that she serve six months of her sentence before being released to two years probation. She was also ordered to get in a year long substance abuse program; to pay \$1,100 in fines and her driver's license was suspended for six months.

• Loretta Kelley Veit was declared guilty of manufacturing of a controlled substance, methamphetamine and guilty of possession of marijuana in the second degree. She was sentenced by Judge Blair to five years in the penitentiary for the methamphetamine case and six months in the Coffee County Jail for the marijuana case, placed on probation for three years and ordered to complete a residential substance abuse program in the State of Mississippi. She was also ordered to pay fines of \$1,100 and her driver's license was suspended for six months.

• Jackie Denise Senn was declared guilty of criminal trespass and guilty of possession of a controlled substance.

FLY-IN

can be an enjoyable and educational event.

50 to 75 aircraft of all types are expected to fly in and should start arriving around 9 a.m. Saturday morning.

There will be ultra-light aircraft in attendance. These are very light aircraft normally built by the owner and neither the owner nor the aircraft are required to be licensed.

There will be experimental aircraft present. These aircraft are not experimental by nature and they are not experimenting when you see them fly. This is simply a designation assigned to them by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as not being built by their owner and can be anything from a replica of a famous old antique to something futuristic and fast. The aircraft and the owner must be licensed by the (FAA) to fly.

Several experimental aircraft that are still under construction will be displayed by Wing Nuts, and quite a few experimental biplanes (two wings) are expected as well as antique aircraft manufactured as far back as the 1940s.

There will be pancake Saturday morning and barbecue in the afternoon. Another vendor will have T-shirts, ball caps and other souvenirs.

The Army Aviation Heritage Foundation is to be in attendance and is planning to offer helicopter rides to raise funds for their museum.

EAA Chapter 351 is planning to host the Young Eagles program. This is a youth program for ages 16 and under offering free airplane rides to introduce young people to the joy of flying.

lan. Judge Barr sentenced her to six months in the county jail for the inoperable conviction and three years in the state penitentiary for the drug conviction. She was placed on three years probation and ordered to pay fines of \$1,100; to complete a substance abuse program and her driver's license was suspended for six months.

• Deborah Ann Fuller was declared guilty of possession of methamphetamine and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary; found guilty of receiving stolen property in the second degree and sentenced by Judge Blair to two years in the state penitentiary; found guilty of burglary in the third degree and sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary.

• Timothy DeGenett was declared guilty of burglary in the third degree and sentenced to six months in the first degree. In each case, DeGenett was sentenced by Judge Barr to serve two years in the state penitentiary.

• Tony Adcock was declared guilty of possession of methamphetamine and was sentenced by Judge Head to three years in the state penitentiary and fined \$1,100 with a loss of his driver's license for a period of six months. He was also declared guilty of assault in the third degree and was sentenced by Judge Head to 10 years in the state penitentiary of which he was ordered to serve one year in the residential substance abuse program before being released to four years probation. He was also ordered to pay fines of \$1,200 and his driver's license was suspended for one year. Veit also was declared guilty of possession of marijuana in the second degree and was sentenced to six months in the Coffee County Jail.

• William Clifton Veit Jr. was declared guilty of manufacturing methamphetamine in the second degree and was sentenced by Judge Head to 10 years in the state penitentiary of which he was ordered to serve one year in the residential substance abuse program before being released to four years probation. He was also ordered to pay fines of \$1,200 and his driver's license was suspended for one year. Veit also was declared guilty of possession of marijuana in the second degree and was sentenced to six months in the Coffee County Jail.

• William Shawn Bryant was declared guilty of possession of marijuana in the first degree and was sentenced by Judge Barr to two years in the penitentiary with the sentence being suspended and the defendant being placed on two years probation. He was fined \$2,100, ordered to complete a substance abuse program and his driver's license was suspended for six months.

• Adam Lee Rigby was declared guilty of escape in the second degree and was sentenced by Judge Barr to two years in the penitentiary with a requirement that he serve four months of said sentence before being released on two years probation.

• David Phillip Brown who was declared guilty of manufacturing in the second degree and possession of methamphetamine. In each case, Judge Barr sentenced him to 20 years in the penitentiary with one year ordered to be served before being released to three years probation. He was also fined \$4,200.

• William Shawn Bryant was declared guilty of possession of marijuana in the first degree and was sentenced by Judge Barr to two years in the penitentiary with the sentence being suspended and the defendant being placed on two years probation. He was fined \$2,100, ordered to complete a substance abuse program and his driver's license was suspended for six months.

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WING NUTS

There is a Fly Market planned, otherwise known as a swap meet, for those enthusiasts that may have aircraft or parts that they may want to swap or sell, and overnight camping will be available for the weary, whether arriving by plane or vehicle.

Everyone is invited, and admission to the fly-in is free. There also will be no fees for camping or the Fly Mart.

Gate Beauty Salon (406-1617) and The Framery, in Elba at The Jewel Box, at Fort Rucker in the ITR Soldier Service Center, and in Dothan at Northcutt's On Main.

Advance Tickets for "Letters from the Front" will be: Adult \$14, Student \$10. Tickets at the door: Adult \$16, Student \$12.

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Enterprise

• David's Westgate Beauty Salon (406-1617)

• The Framery (347-7800)

Elba - The Jewel Box (897-2296)

Fr. Rucker - ITR Soldier Service Center (255-2997)

Dothan - Northcutt's On Main (793-9538)

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Woodland Grove Baptist Church to hold annual Fall Festival

Woodland Grove Baptist Church will present its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 4 - 9 p.m. The event will include a moon walk, hay rides, bingo, cake walk, "Trunk-or-Treat", hot dogs, chili and entertainment by Puppets of Praise ministry of Andalusia.

Everyone is invited to come in costume and bring their friends. The church is located on Coffee County Road 239.

Free trees available from National Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free trees, autumn classics, will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during October 2003.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are two Sugar Maples, Scarlet Oak, Sweetgum, Red Oak, Silver Maple, White Dogwood, Washington Hawthorn, and two Red Maples.

"These trees will produce vibrant red, orange, yellow, scarlet, and purple leaves in the fall," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between November 1 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to: AUTUMN CLASSIC TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by October 31, 2003.



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Look Who Else is
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Chris, David & Dustin

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Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Sam Totten, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
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THE 18TH PASTOR'S APPRECIATION SERVICES FOR PASTOR L. E. FLOWERS AND FIRST LADY TINY FLOWERS will be held October 25 and 26 at the New Philadelphia COGIC, Shiloh Community, Elba, AL.

Pastor W.A. Brown and the Manor Temple Church Family will be the guest speakers and guest church on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Lee Street Baptist Church to present Marriage Matters

Lee Street Baptist Church presents Marriage Matters: Building Blocks for Lasting Love on Saturday, November 1, 2003, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per couple. Registration from 8:30 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.

Nursery provided but reservation necessary. For more information call (334)347-4981. Mike King will be the speaker. He is currently pastor of First Baptist Church Opelika, and he is a licensed marriage and family therapist.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

96th Annual Meeting of the Coffee County Baptist Association planned for October 25

The 96th Annual Meeting of Coffee County Baptist Association will be October 25 at Westside Baptist Church in Elba. Registration will begin at 8:30 A.M. and the meeting will begin at 9 A.M. Dr. J.W. Lee, professor of Old Testament at the Baptist College of Florida in Graceville, will be the guest speaker. Psalm 4 will bring special music. For more information, call Coffee Baptist Association at 894-6411.

UM for Performing Arts announces scholarships auditions to be held

Students interested in majoring in vocal or instrumental music are invited to audition for scholarships to the University of Mobile Center for Performing Arts. The Center is under the direction of Roger Breland, a member of the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and founder of the award-winning contemporary Christian ensemble TRUTH.

A Benefit Singing will be held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church on Saturday, October 25

A Benefit Singing is planned at Mt. Olive Baptist Church for Glenda Smith on Saturday, October 25 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Harrelson Family will be singing. Hamburger plates with all the trimmings will be sold before the concert.

Zoar Community Holiness Church to hold Harvest Time Gathering Saturday, October 25

Zoar Community Holiness Church is holding a Harvest Time Gathering on October 25, 2003 from 2:00 - until. Activities include horse and buggy rides (\$1.00), arts and crafts, musical entertainment, kids games and fellowship. Bar-B-Q plates (\$5.00), boiled peanuts (\$2.00), and peanut brittle (\$2.00). Featured singers are Bro. David Baggett and family, and area youth groups. All proceeds from this event will go toward the Building Fund of Zoar Church. For more information call 897-5438, 897-0480, or 897-3732.

Zion Chapel will be celebrating Homecoming Sunday October 26

Zion Chapel Baptist Church will be celebrating Homecoming Sunday, October 26. Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Bro. Paul Kendrick will be the speaker for the morning message.

Homecoming to be observed at New Hope Baptist Church Sunday, October 26

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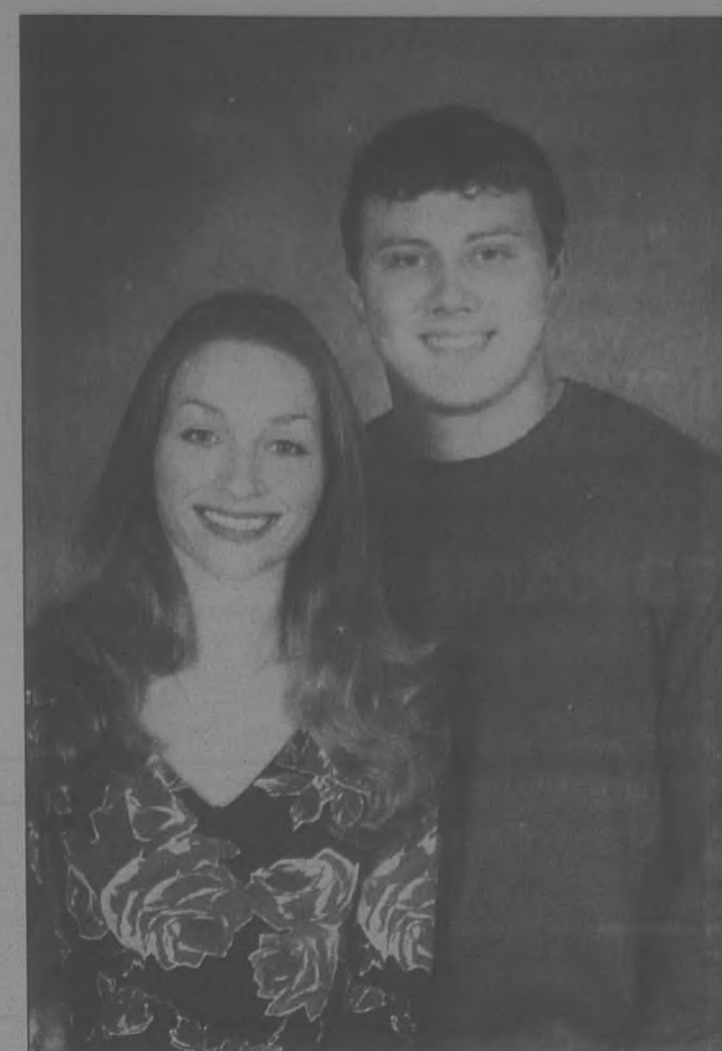
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LIFESTYLES

Miss Grant and Mr. Edmonds to be united in marriage Saturday, December 13th



Miss Renee Grant and Mr. Johnathan Edmonds.

Johnson Reunion held recently

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Johnson gathered at the home of Louise Cox. Those present were Louise Cox of Elba, Brandy and Nicole Cox of Troy, Mary Hodge and Arkie Hodge of Elba, Daisy Lawson and Margie Reed of Enterprise, Ala., Bessie Rogers of Winter Garden, Fla., Roy Frank Rogers of Montverde, Fla., Elvester and Tony Johnson of Elba, John and Bernice Hair of Montgomery, Ala., John, Tracy, and Brittany of Prattville, Ala., Irene Hodge of Elba, and Bobby Johnson of Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Grant of Glenwood announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tara Renee Grant, to Johnathan Wesley Edmonds, son of Mr. Quintin Edmonds and Ms. Tina Edmonds.

Tara is the granddaughter of Irene Grant, the late Parker Grant, the late Louise and Buddy Spear.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and attends Troy State University where she is majoring in biology and chemistry.

She is the grandson of Annie Ruth Edmonds, the late John D. Edmonds, Janet Knight and the late James Orville Knight.

The prospective groom is a 2000 graduate of Scottsboro High School and attends Troy State University where he is majoring in the pre-dentistry biological program.

The wedding will take place December 13, 2003, at five o'clock in the evening at the Elba First United Methodist Church, Elba, AL. The reception will follow at Mosley's Studio.

New Arrival

SHANNON LAFAYE VAUGHAN



Shannon LaFaye Vaughan Randall and April Vaughan announce the birth of their daughter Shannon LaFaye Vaughan. She was born October 7, 2003 at Enterprise Medical Center.

Grandparents are Jimmy and Rita Turner, Jimmy Vaughan, Eddie and Cindy Smith of Kentucky, Ronald and Brenda Prigden of Elba. Great-grandparents are James and Mary Vaughan, Hazel Ennis and the late Hudson Ennis, Silas and Ida Maulden, Coley Smith and the late Alice Smith of Elba, and a great aunt, Dorothy Johnson of New Brockton.

The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association to meet November 13

The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on the 13th of Nov. 2003 at the Coffee County Farm Center. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077 or Charles Jester at 334-308-2724.

Clark Theatre • Enterprise

October 24 - 30
Enterprise Shipping Center
1. RUNAWAY JURY (PG-13)
M-F 7 & 9:30 - \$8.50, 2, 7 & 9:30
No Pases - No Wed. Night Discount
H. SCARY MOVIE 3 (PG-13)
M-F 7 & 9:30 - \$8.50, 2, 7 & 9:30
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Weekend Center
H. GOOD BOY (PG)
M-F 7 & 9:30 - \$8.50, 2, 7 & 9:30
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H. UNTOUCHABLE CRUELTY (PG-13)
M-F 7 & 9:30 - \$8.50, 2, 7 & 9:30
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Collection Center - College Plaza
H. RADIO (PG)
M-F 7 & 9:30 - \$8.50, 2, 7 & 9:30
H. UNDER THE TUBICAN SUN (PG-13)
M-F 7 & 9:30 - \$8.50, 2, 7 & 9:30
H. TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE (R)
M-F 7 & 9:30 - \$8.50, 2, 7 & 9:30
Bargain Matinee Sat & Sun
2 p.m. only - all prices \$4.50
and Movie Extras

New Brockton Christmas parade set for December 6

The Town of New Brockton will hold its annual Christmas Parade on Dec. 6.

A \$5.00 entry fee will be charged, and all types of entries are welcomed.

For more information or application for float/entry, call Ms. Barbara Herron at 894-6211, or Ms. Annette Williams at 894-5283.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Dawkins.

Robinette-Dawkins wedding held at Unicoi Church of God

Amanda Nicole Robinette and Jeremy Brandon Dawkins were united in marriage on August 23, 2003 at Unicoi Church of God in Unicoi, Tennessee.

Rev. Rocky Maines officiated the 2 p.m. double-ring ceremony. The church was decorated by Debbie Gouge, mother of the bride. Music was provided by Mark Labov and Heather Vance, vocalists, and Ashleigh Clouse, pianist. Candle lighters were Asha Nadeau and Shauna Robinette.

The bride is the daughter of Michael Robinette, San Antonio, Texas, and Debbie Gouge, Unicoi, Tennessee. Grandparents are Dewey Jr. and Shirleen Robinette and Verlie Roberts, all of Unicoi, and the late George Roberts.

The groom is the son of Jerry Dawkins, Dothan, Alabama and Diane Vignola of Elba, Alabama. Grandparents are Annie Jo Danford, Elba, Alabama, Mattie Dawkins, Elba, Alabama and the late Cecil Jones.

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New Arrival

CALLIE BRIANNE POPE



Callie Brianne Pope Aaron and Martha Pope announce the birth of their daughter, Callie Brianne Pope. She was born September 8, 2003, at Medical Center Enterprise. Callie weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs. and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Monroe and Connie Sasser, Cedar Grove Community; Eddie and Amanda Pope, Elba.

Great-grandparents are A.C. Sasser and the late Ovie Sasser, Cedar Grove Community; Nell Pope and the late C.E. Pope, Elba; J.L. Jones and the late Robbie Jones, Luverne; and the late Sim and Callie Messick, Harmony Community.

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Benefit Barbecue for Hunter Allen to be held November 1

A benefit Barbecue will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, for Hunter Allen, 3-year-old son of Kevin Allen; grandson of Dreta Graham, and great-grandson of Haywood and Martha Nelson. The barbecue will be held in Zion Chapel High School Lunch Room, Hwy 87, Jack, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The meal may be eaten in or taken out.

Barbecue chicken and BBQ pork plates will be \$5.00 each. Boston Butts \$15.00. Drinks and desserts will be sold.

The plates can be delivered to Elba and Troy.

Hunter has had multiple surgeries already, and is in Children's Hospital in Birmingham, where more surgery is scheduled in the near future as he is able to undergo it. For more information on how to help, call Irene Grant 897-3504, or Sandra Holloway 566-2221.



Emily Renee Willis.

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Brittany Cooper
& Alex Allen

Anna Anderson set to compete in National Peanut Festival pageant

by Anna Harrison

Miss Elba, Anna Anderson, will represent us in the upcoming National Peanut Festival. Preliminaries will include the Verbal Communication Competition and the preliminary competition at the Dothan Civic Center. The Miss National Peanut Festival pageant finals will be held at the Dothan Civic Center on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. Please come support Anna, our Miss Elba.

Good Luck Anna!!!



Anna Anderson

E.E.S. Student Council selling Elba memorabilia

by Brittany Cooper



E.E.S. Student Council officers

The Elba Elementary School Student Council is selling "Celebrate Elba 150 Years" souvenirs. The t-shirts (each \$2) and the magnets are \$1.50. The Student Council officers are Taylor Creel, Donnell Horstead, Bethany Wilson, and Kayla Parks.

Contact one of these students or call the school office to purchase items. Limited supplies only.

Please help support your E.E.S. Student Council. Thanks!

Notice:

THE ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB is selling barbecue plates. The plates can be picked up Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Elba Senior Citizens Center. Tickets can be purchased from any elementary school or high school students or any athletic club member.

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Elba Elementary's Talent Pool students participate in ingenuity contest

by Aynona Procter

Mrs. Butler, the teacher of the EES talent pool class, recently held an ingenuity contest for her students.

The students were assigned to apply creative problem solving to invent a solution to a problem that was either "real and serious" or "weird and wacky." Competitors were judged on whether or not their idea worked, the market appeal of the product, its originality and the student's presentation to the judges and on their Inventors' Log.

The winners were: Third Grade - Mandi Maltory, Catch Seat; Fourth Grade Winner - Seth Hanchey, Space Saver; Fifth Grade - Lindsey Smith, Onesies with Veler; Sixth Grade - Lindsey Carney, Stove Shield. The Teacher's Choice Award - Emily Allen, The Hand Extender.

The winners received a certificate and an automatic "A" in Talent Pool for the grading period.

SALUTE!!!!



Elba Elementary School's Talent Pool ingenuity contest inventions

Participants sought for Elba High School homecoming parade

Everyone is urged to participate in Elba High School's annual homecoming parade. This year's parade will be held Friday, Oct. 31, at 3 p.m.

The deadline to enter is Thursday, Oct. 30, at 12 Noon. Call Elba High School (897-2266) to submit entries. Homecoming court's float, which will not be judged.

Elba Elementary School entries. This category includes any class or club entry associated with EES.



Elba Elementary School Fall Festival

Thursday, Oct. 23
6-8 p.m.

Games, band students, dunking booth, clowns, food, prizes, cakewalk, bake sale - Fun!

Everyone is Invited!!!

Co-Op Spotlight

by Brittany Cooper



Kristina Lecaann

Lee Beasley teaches EES students to C.A.R.E.

by Christy Eubanks

Mrs. Lee Beasley works with South Central Alabama Mental

Health Prevention Services, and she visits Elba Elementary once a month as part of a program called C.A.R.E., which stands

for Crime Anger Reduction Education.

This program works with grades kindergarten through fourth grade, and it is designed to teach kids about such things as peer pressure and the importance of expressing their feelings in healthy ways. It also informs them of the harmful effects of drugs.

All of these lessons are taught in ways each grade level can understand.

Thanks for all of your time and dedication, Mrs. Beasley. Keep up the great work!

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Submitted by Alex Allen

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SPORTS

Stumble late in week against Arton

Tiger volleyballers post win over 6A Carver

The Elba Tiger volleyball team hit the court for three matches last week and claimed one win as their record slipped to 12-8.



Elba Tiger Whitney Lawford (23) scores a point with a block in a recent win. The Tigers claimed a big win last week with a win over Carver, of Montgomery. (Photo by John Wallace - Andalusia Star News)

The Tigers opened the week's action on Tuesday afternoon in a tri-match against Montgomery Academy and Carver, and claimed one win and one loss. The Tigers dropped a 9-25, 7-25 decision to Montgomery Academy in the opening match. Kendall Stinson had 4 service points and Yolanda Reynolds added 3, while Kristen Barnes recorded 6 digs. The Tigers claimed one of their biggest wins of the season in the second match as they surprised 6A Carver in straight sets, 25-17, 25-21. Lyndsay Lawford and

Charlie Bradberry gets late model 125 feature win at SAS

By Mark Chisum

Charlie Bradberry had to beat two opponents Saturday night at South Alabama Speedway. Dale Little and rain. It has been the norm for rain to play a part in Late Model shows at South Alabama. Saturday was no different as the start of the night's activities was delayed and then red flagged almost half way through the Late Model feature. Once the race was resumed, Bradberry picked up where he left off in the first half of the race.

Bradberry set fast time in qualifying, then drew a one to start from the pole. Taking the lead, the 2003 NASCAR Koolhaar Southeast Series Champion proved that he had the fastest machine. Donald Long was able to stay close the Bradberry, but never really put up a strong challenge for the front spot. Bradberry was leading Long, Keith Cabela, Lee Hansard, and Little when a light mist started falling around the lap 35 mark. With several caution periods slowing the pace, and the mist falling at a harder rate, the track was getting too wet to race on and the red flag was flown on lap 55. After the mist ceased, track crews dried the track and a local feature was run to aid in drying the surface. After a lengthy delay, the engines were fired and the race resumed.

When veteran Royce Johnston hit the front stretch wall just six laps after the restart, the race was flagged again for clean up. When the yellow light was turned on, the leaders pitted for their fresh tires. Only Long and Little, and Cabela remained on the track. Little had pitted on lap 54 and it didn't take but one lap to get around Long. But Bradberry was on his way.

Little was able to maintain a six car length lead over Bradberry at times heading into the latter stages of the race. When the last caution of the race flew on lap 104, Bradberry closed up to Little's bumper and this time wasn't going to let him get away. Bradberry moved inside of Bradberry on lap 106, but Little wasn't going to go away without a fight. The pair ran side by side for a couple of laps, but with Little's rear end sliding out exiting each turn, it was just a matter of time. Bradberry took the lead on lap 111, and once past Little, pulled away for a five car length win. Dave Mader III finished third, followed by Long, and Frank King.

In the Super Stock Feature, Greg Rabren pulled out to an early lead before Scotty Anderson ran him down on the twelfth lap. Anderson took the lead but had to hold off a late race challenge from Rick Northey and Jody Henderson. Although running Anderson down and challenging Anderson for the win, Northey and Henderson were battling each other for second, Henderson was able to pull even with Northey on the last lap, but Northey had the preferred inside spot and beat Henderson to the line to finish second. David Ashley was fourth and Ken Pettis fifth.

Steve Joyner led flag to flag to win the Vintage Feature. The real battle of the race was for second between Ted Shores and Teddy Sasser. The pair battled every lap of the 25-lap event with Shores holding Sasser off

Ashleigh Waddall both recorded 8 service points in the match, while Waddall also added 5 kills. Elba traveled to Arton on Thursday afternoon and were upset by the Lady Cats 14-25, 24-26, 25-21 and 19-25. Lyndsay Lawford was the top server with 12 service points, while Kendall Stinson and Ashleigh Waddall both added service points. Waddall added 9 kills, while Lawford and Yolanda Reynolds had 7, apiece. Whitney Lawford and Lyndsay Lawford both had 2 blocks.

for the spot. Dwayne Bates and Jamie Ater were fourth and fifth. The Roadrunner Feature, the "Late Model half time show", was another exciting race. Will Mack continued his winning ways, making the winning pass on the final circuit. Jimmy Hager led the first four laps before Kim Bishop took control. Bishop enjoyed a big lead, but Mack was able to erase the deficit. A caution with three laps to go put Mack on his bumper and set up the winning pass. Bishop held on to second with Jason Singletary third, Keith Mack fourth, and John Singletary fifth.

For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539 or visit the track's website at www.southalabamasppeedway.com.

Results

Late Model 125

1. Charlie Bradberry
2. Dale Little
3. Dave Mader III
4. Donald Long
5. Frank King
6. Lee Hansard
7. Keith Cabela
8. Chris Hornsby
9. Jeff Morgan
10. Keith Thorpe
11. Ronnie Sanders
12. Craig Jernigan
13. Cory Seamon
14. Royce Johnston
15. Bubba Pollard
16. Pat Cruise
17. Augie Grill

Super Stock

1. Scotty Anderson
2. Rick Northey
3. Jody Henderson
4. David Ashley
5. Ken Pettis
6. Tren Rand
7. Mike Hussey
8. Greg Rabren

Vintage

1. Steve Joyner
2. Ted Shores
3. Teddy Sasser
4. Dwayne Bates
5. Jamie Ater
6. Damon Hammond
7. Johnny Gibson
8. Kevin Peel

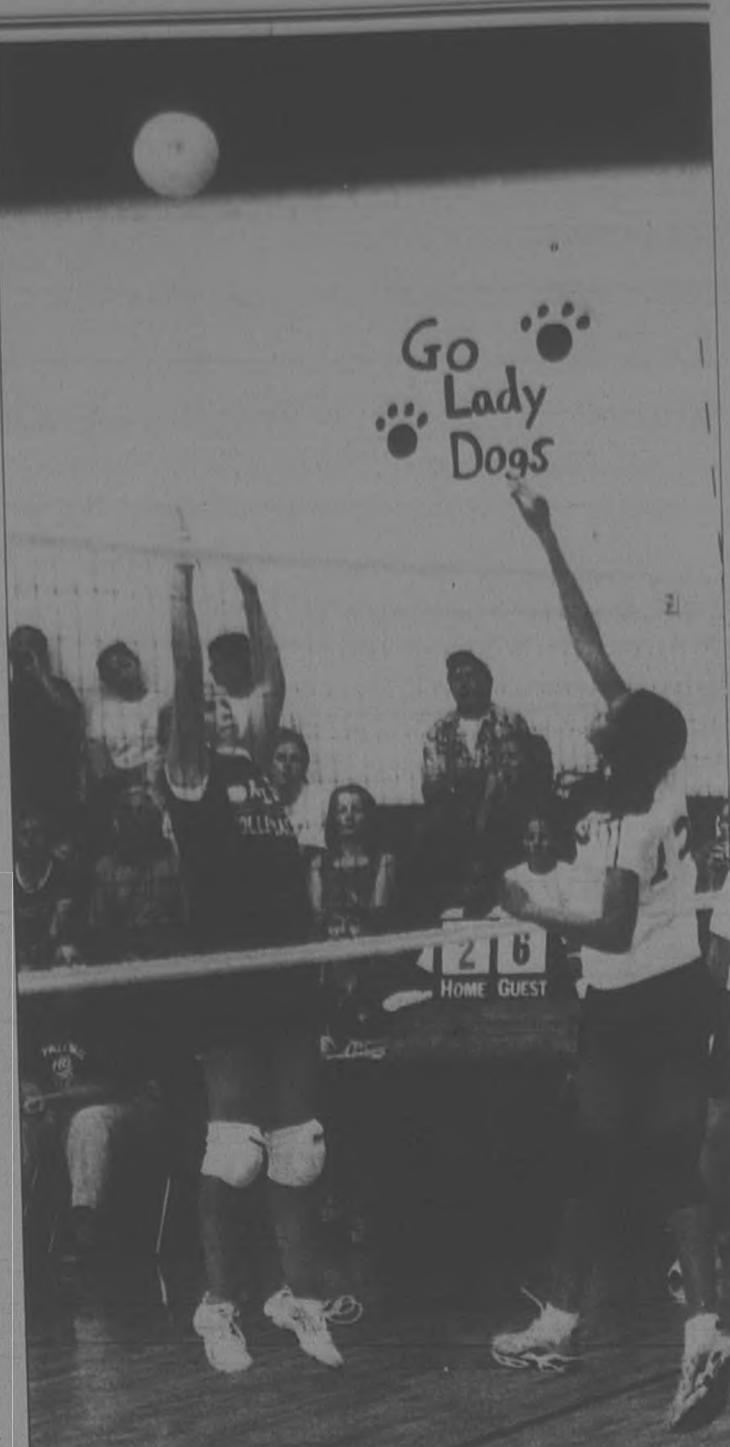
Roadrunner

1. Will Mack
2. Kim Bishop
3. Jason Singletary
4. Keith Mack
5. John Singletary
6. Ricky Osborn
7. Jason Monaghan
8. Dee Bucklew
9. David Holloway
10. Jimmy Hager
11. Danny Palmer
12. Tim Peters
13. Bill Wadman
14. Bobby Monaghan
15. Donald Drake
16. Jason Byrd

Elba Athletic Club to sponsor barbeque on November 1

The Elba Athletic Club will be sponsoring a barbeque sale on November 1, 2003, with all proceeds going toward providing financial aid to the athletic program at Elba High School. The plates may be picked up at the Elba Senior Center. Tickets can be purchased from any student at Elba High School, Elba Elementary School or athletic club member.

SUPPORT THE ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB WITH YOUR DONATION!



Elba JV Tiger Jenae Wilson gets a return over the arms of a would-be defender. The Elba JV JV Tigers closed out the season last week with an 11-2 record. (Photo by John Wallace - Andalusia Star News)

Elba JV Tigers close out season with 11-2 record

The Elba Tiger Junior Varsity volleyball team closed out its season last week with an exciting 15-25, 25-19, 18-16 win over the Arton Lady Cats. In Arton, to end the season with an 11-2 record, Anna Petty recorded 15 service points and Tamara Oliver added 11 to lead the Tigers, while Melanie Mularz and Reatta Anderson both recorded 4 kills.

"These Tigers have really proved they they have the desire to win and know what it feels like to win," said Coach Amelia Rhoades. "It has been an interesting and exciting season and it has been enjoyable to watch the improvement that the team made since August. The JV had a super season with an 11-2 record, and the girls deserve credit for a great job."

Fall fishing is always a blast at the Coffee County Lake

Crisp autumn days are perfect for a good fishing trip, and Coffee County Public Fishing Lake is an ideal place to experience a great day of fishing. Anglers who continue to fish as water temperature starts to fall can testify to improved fishing as the weather cools. Fish move into shallow water and feed more actively in fall than in hot summer months.

Coffee County Lake offers 80 acres of excellent fishing for bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, bass and hybrid striped bass. The beautiful lake surroundings include self-contained campsites.

Established and managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Alabama's State Lakes Program has long been considered a model by fisheries biologists across the nation. Over 50 years have passed since this program originated, but the goal has remained basically the same—to provide quality fishing at an affordable price.

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SPORTS

Roll to 45-0 region win

Tigers crash Calhoun homecoming party

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers put an end to seven weeks of frustration Friday night by rolling past the Calhoun Tigers 45-0, in Calhoun.

The win snapped Elba's seven-game losing streak and gave the Tigers a 1-7 record, while Calhoun slipped to 0-8 with the loss.

Calhoun gave its homecoming crowd something to cheer about early as the hometown Tigers returned the opening kickoff 41 yards to the Elba 40-yardline and quickly moved to a first down at the Elba 29. A 17-yard loss on a fumbled pitch-out moved Calhoun back out to near midfield; however, and the game's first possession ended in a punt that was downed at the Elba 17-yardline.

Elba's offense was ready to rumble and with the aid of three off-sides penalties against Calhoun marched 83 yards in seven plays to get on the score-board. A 26-yard run by Jimmy Hill early in the drive helped the Tigers overcome a second down and sixteen situation, while Hill later added a 17-yard run and Marchello Reed capped the scoring drive with a 26-yard touchdown run straight up the middle of the Calhoun defense. The extra-point try failed, but with 5:30 left in the first quarter Elba was on its way with a 6-0 lead.

Elba began its next offensive possession at the Calhoun 26-yardline after a fumble recovery by Trey Davis, and this time it took the Tigers only two plays to cross the goal line. The score came on a 5-yard dash by Jimmy Hill and although the two-point try failed, Elba's lead was up to 12-0 with 4:03 still remaining in the opening quarter.

Elba's Kikko Logan returned a Calhoun punt 52 yards to set the Tigers up at the Calhoun 23-yardline late in the quarter, but this time the Tigers failed to cash in the scoring opportunity and handed the ball back over on downs at the Calhoun 24-yardline.

A bad snap on a punt attempt by Calhoun gave the Tigers the ball back at the Calhoun 2-yardline, and on the next snap Marchello Reed got the call and bulled over for a Tiger touchdown. A two-point pass failed, but with 9:20 remaining in the half Elba was in command with a 18-0 advantage.

Elba regained possession at the Calhoun 37-yardline three plays later on a fumble recovery by Lewis Johnson, and this time it took the Tigers four plays to get back into the endzone. A 20-yard run by Jimmy Hill was a key play in the short scoring march, while the score came on a 3-yard run by Stefaun Burks. Burks also ran in the two-point conversion, and with 6:12 remaining in the half Elba's lead was up to 26-0.

Calhoun moved to a first down at the Elba 9-yardline on its next possession and appeared ready to light up its side of the scoreboard, only to be turned back when Elba's Jessie Thigpen recovered a fumble back at the 14-yardline.

The Tigers had 3:39 left on the clock and were 86 yards from the endzone, but Elba quarterback Brandon Wilson simply put the Tigers on his back and carried Elba down the field for its fifth touchdown of the half.

Wilson connected on 3 of 3 passes for 77 yards during the long scoring march, and scored the touchdown on a 3-yard run with only six-seconds left on the clock. A two-point run failed, but when the halftime horn sounded the Tigers from Coffee County left the field with a big 32-0 lead.

Elba received the second half kickoff and drove 51 yards in eight plays to add to its lead. A 10-yard run by Marchello Reed and a 42-yard pass from Brandon Wilson to Kirby Gray were big plays in the drive, but the key play in the drive came one play after the long completion when Calhoun scooped up an Elba fumble, only to see Elba's Stefaun Burks strip the ball away from the Calhoun



Elba Tiger tailback Stefaun Burks (1) tries to avoid a would-be Calhoun tackler. Burks gained 88 yards on 8 carries and scored 1 touchdown in Elba's 45-0 win over Calhoun last week.



SEEMS KIND OF QUIET...Elba cheerleader Cameron Irwin seems a little confused by the lack of noise at last week's Elba win over Calhoun. There was no PA system at the game, which made the only noise come from the players, cheerleaders and band.



COMING OUT OF THE FOG...is Elba quarterback Brandon Wilson (7). Wilson hit on 4 of 7 passes for 119 yards in the Tigers' 45-0 win over Calhoun to help the Tigers get their first win of the season.

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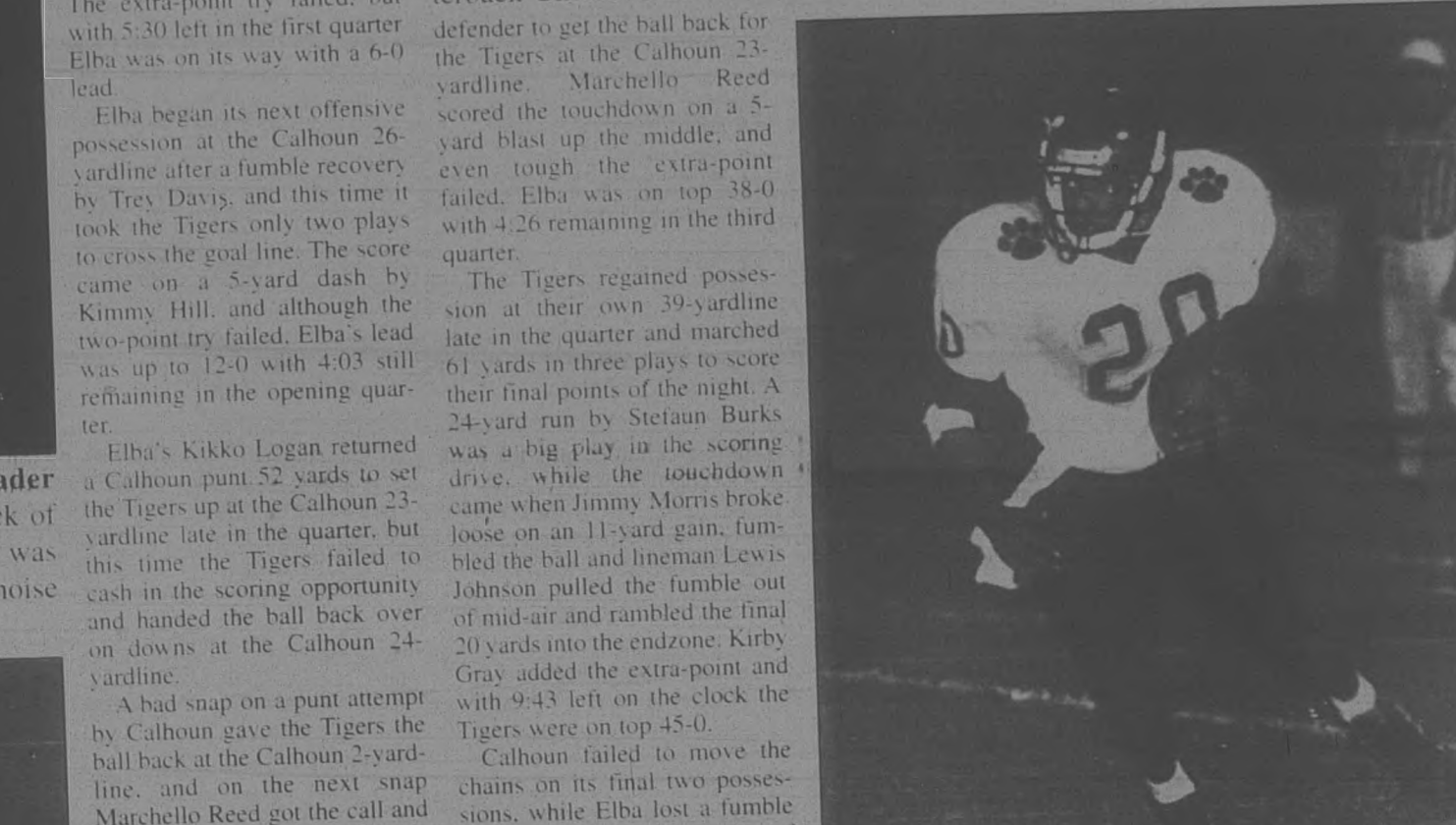
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Elba Tiger fullback Marchello Reed (88) drags a Calhoun defender as he heads downfield in last week's big 45-0 win. Reed gained 83 yards on 8 carries and scored 3 touchdowns to lead the Tigers to their first win of the season. Also pictured is quarterback Carlos Aruz (11).



Elba Tiger tailback Kimmy Hill (20) looks for room to run in last week's 45-0 win over Calhoun. Hill gained 63 yards on 9 carries and scored 1 touchdown in the Tigers' easy region win.



Elba Tiger fullback Marchello Reed (88) was an unstoppable force last week as he rushed for 3 touchdowns in the Tigers' 45-0 win over Calhoun. This week the Tigers will host Clarke County.

The Yardstick

STATISTICS

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15	1st Downs 7
32-275	Rushes-Yds. 22-(-) 32
119	Passing Yds. 61
394	Total Offense 29
4-7-0	Passes 3-19-1
7/2	Fumbles/Lost 9/4
0-0-0	Punts-Ave. 4-31
6-60	Penalties-Yds. 4-18

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Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



**Think Safety
Before You Climb**

Now season is off to a good start with several kills reported. Unfortunately, there have already been a few accidents related to hunting in elevated stands. Since more deer hunter injuries occur as a result of tree stand accidents than firearm accidents, we need to be as careful climbing that tree as we are with handling our firearms. Regardless of what type stand you use, these simple rules will reduce the risk of an accidental fall from a tree stand:

1. Be sure and inspect your tree stand before using it for the first time each season.
2. Check all stress points for cracks.
3. Test your stand slightly above the ground to make certain it is safe before you climb. Watch and control each step you make.
4. Be sure your stand is fastened to the tree in a secure manner, and on the proper size tree.
5. Use a quality safety belt when climbing or descending from your stand. This is when most accidents occur.
6. Avoid excessive movement while sitting in a tree stand as this can cause you to lose balance.
7. When using a self-climbing tree stand do not place your weight too close to the tree.
8. Remove all branches that obstruct your draw before shooting a bow from a tree stand.
9. Respect the landowner's right and do not damage trees.
10. Beware of any ice that may have formed on the stand.
11. If you begin to get sleepy, get out of the stand immediately. Many falls have occurred when a hunter went to sleep and fell out of their tree stand.
12. Avoid older wooden stands that you are not familiar with. They may have rotten wood.

Deer hunting from a tree stand, or other type of elevated stand, gives the hunter several advantages, including a broader viewing area, better scent dispersion and being out of the natural line of sight of deer. Hunters once said deer never looked up so deer would never see a hunter in a tree stand. This theory proved to be untrue, but a deer hunter in a tree stand still has an advantage over a ground hunter.

Scent dispersion is still probably the most important reason to hunt from an elevated stand. Under normal wind conditions, even a slight breeze will disperse one's scent. An exception to this is when downdrafts are occurring and a hunter's scent is blown toward the ground.

Sitting in an elevated stand on a crisp autumn day watching the scarlet and golden yellow leaves gently glide to the forest floor is rewarding enough to make the hunt a success, even if the deer don't cooperate.

Just remember to be careful climbing and descending, wear that safety harness, and if you get sleepy, climb down and take a short nap. No one will ever know.

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SPORTS

In region clash Friday night

Kinston Bulldogs tripped up by Cottonwood Bears 26-7

By Scott Johnson
Photos by Mary Johnson

Kinston Bulldogs quarterback Garrett Parker (10) heads upfield for a big gain in last week's region battle against Cottonwood. Parker and the Bulldogs will host Pleasant Home Friday night for homecoming.

The Kinston Bulldogs hit the road for the second consecutive week to face a tough region foe in front of a rowdy homecoming crowd and once again returned home with a tough loss as the Cottonwood Bears gave their fans a reason to celebrate by posting a 26-7 win over the Bulldogs.

Kinston's offense moved the ball well on its opening possession despite being without the services of leading rusher Jerome Ball. Cole Meeks carried the ball three times for 32 yards on the drive and Garrett Parker hit tight-end Jeremy Driver for an 11-yard gain, but the drive stalled inside the Cottonwood 40-yardline and the Bears took over on downs.

The Bulldog defense also came out determined and after Joseph McCrummen dropped Cottonwood's Rhy-Shawn Tillman for a loss on first down, Lydon Kilcrease had a big hit on second down and on third down Shawn Brantley picked off a Bear pass and returned the interception to the Cottonwood 40-yardline.

Cole Meeks bulled for nine yards on three carries, but the Bulldogs were stopped short of the first down marker on a fourth down play, and Kinston was again turned away after moving into scoring position.

Kinston's next offensive series was short-lived as Cottonwood intercepted a Bulldog pass at the Kinston 36-yardline. The Bears took advantage of the turnover and in 11 plays marched into the endzone. Rhy-Shawn Tillman carried the ball four times in the short scoring drive and got the score on a 6-yard dash. The extra-point was wide, but the Bears were on top 6-0 early in the second quarter.

Kinston gave the ball back to Cottonwood on its next possession.



BULLDOG DEFENSE...A gang of Kinston Bulldog defenders combine to stop a Cottonwood running back in last week's 26-7 region loss to the Bears. Bulldogs closing in for the stop are Shawn Brantley (5), Cole Meeks (44), Lydon Kilcrease (74) and Jeremy Driver (80).

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Playoff hopes come to end

Gamecocks ambushed by G.W. Long Rebels 26-0

Story and pictures by Robby Kinsaul

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their playoff hopes come to an abrupt end Friday night after a disappointing 26-0 loss to the G.W. Long Rebels in Skipperville.

The Rebels held Tyler Simmons to a season low 34 yards on 18 carries, but Simmons did shine on defense as he led the Gamecocks with 10 tackles, while Edwin Fox added 8 stops.

The Gamecocks took the ball to begin the game and promptly

moved down the field. New Brockton faced a fourth down and goal just inside the G.W. Long 3-yardline, but the Rebel defense held on the key fourth down play and turned back the early Gamecock scoring threat.

G.W. Long began its first offensive series at its own 2-yardline, but needed only three plays to cover the 98 yards to third down Chris Ivey hit Randy Eutsey with a short 5-yard completion, and Eutsey broke a Gamecock tackle and then raced 93 yards for a touchdown.

G.W. Long added to its lead on its third possession of the second half on a 37-yard run by Judson Campbell, and although

7-0.

The Gamecocks recovered a fumble at the G.W. Long 43-yardline on the Rebels' next possession, but were again unable to cash in on the scoring opportunity and gave the ball back on downs.

G.W. Long scored its second touchdown of the night just before intermission as the Rebels' Ivey connected with Eutsey on a 44-yard scoring strike. The extra-point was true, and at the half the Rebels went in with a surprising 14-0 lead.

G.W. Long added to its lead on its third possession of the second half on a 37-yard run by Judson Campbell, and although

the extra-point try failed, the Rebels were in command with a 20-0 lead with 10:56 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Rebels got the ball back on a pass interception by Campbell, and on the third play of the possession G.W. Long got back into the endzone as Fred Grubbs broke loose and raced 41 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point failed, but the Rebels were already celebrating as they owned a 26-0 lead and had wrapped up a spot in the state playoffs.

New Brockton will return home this week and will celebrate homecoming when it hosts the Wicksburg Panthers.



New Brockton's Coach Shannon Clark talks with his players and coaches during a break in the action in last week's 26-0 loss to G.W. Long. The Gamecocks will be looking to get back in the win column this week when they host the Wicksburg Panthers for the 2003 homecoming game.

HELP THE GAMECOCKS AND BULLDOGS CELEBRATE HOMECOMING FRIDAY NIGHT !!

SPORTS



Brantley's Zach Kilcrease (12) pulls in a 9-yard touchdown pass as the back judge gives the touchdown signal. The Bulldogs ripped the Rebels 46-0 last week to remain undefeated on the season.

Improves record to 8-0

Brantley runs away from Rebels 46-0

By Greg Branson
Photos by Janet Branson and Ross Adkinson

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to Zion Chapel Friday night and put a damper on the Rebels' homecoming festivities by claiming a big 46-0 win.

The Bulldogs' first points of the night came when Devaris Skanes went 19 yards up the middle to cap a three play, 57-yard drive. Edgar Walker passed to Cedric Jones for the two-point conversion and with 8:42 left in the opening quarter the Bulldogs were already on top 8-0.

A 25-yard punt return by Devaris Skanes gave the Bulldogs the ball back at their own 47-yardline and on the next snap Edgar Walker passed in the flats to Marcel Stamps, who raced 53 yards up the right side-lines for Brantley's second score in as many possessions. A two-point try failed, but Brantley was on top 14-0 with 4:34 remaining in the first quarter.

Zion Chapel moved the chains once before turning the ball over on downs at midfield in its ensuing possession, and once again Brantley needed

only one play to reach paydirt as on first down Jamyal Jones took a handoff off left tackle and raced 50 yards for a touchdown. The Rebels appeared to be stopped at the Rebel 30, but broke away from three would-be tackler and headed for the endzone. Devaris Skanes ran in the two-point conversion and with 2:24 remaining in the first quarter Brantley owned a 22-0 advantage.

The Bulldogs added to their lead on their next possession by driving 56 yards in six plays. The touchdown came on a beautiful 21-yard scamper by Devaris Skanes, and although the two-point try failed, Brantley was ahead 28-0 with 8:46 left in the quarter.

Hayden Osborne had two big runs on Zion Chapel's next possession to lead the Rebels across midfield, but the drive stalled, and Brantley regained possession after a failed fourth down play at the Brantley 41-yardline.

The Bulldogs wasted little time getting back into the endzone as they drove 59 yards in just 4 plays, with the touchdown coming on a 50-yard dash by James Pittman with :38 remaining on the scoreboard. Brantley didn't attempt an extra-point.

New Brockton and Kinston to celebrate homecoming Friday night as season reaches eighth week of action

PLEASANT HOME (1-7) AT KINSTON (2-5)

The Kinston Bulldogs will return home this week after two rough road losses and will be hoping to give the home fans plenty to cheer about when they celebrate homecoming against the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Bulldogs suffered their second straight region loss last week in a 26-7 road loss to Cottonwood, and know that with the playoffs now out of the picture there are only two weeks left to try and soothe some of the pain of the disappointing season. Pleasant Home will bring in a team that has struggled to a 1-7 record, but may be much better than its record might indicate. The Eagles' only win was a 26-7 decision over Zion Chapel, while their losses have come to Straughn 41-21, Brantley 46-2, Cottonwood 7-0, Red Level 40-14, Florala 28-13, Houston County 42-28 and Arton 26-7. The Bulldogs can't let the Eagles' record fool them, because it will take Kinston's best effort to get a win Friday night.

WICKSBURG (0-8) AT NEW BROCKTON (4-4)

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their playoff hopes vanish last week with a 26-0 loss to G.W. Long, but will return home this week and will be looking to give the students' and alumni plenty to cheer about when they host the Wicksburg Panthers, for homecoming. The Gamecocks were shut out last week in their must-win region game against the Rebels and have now scored only one touchdown in their last two games, a major factor in the two region losses that knocked them out of the playoff picture. The Panthers have struggled throughout the season and will enter Friday night's homecoming clash with an 0-8 record after losses to Arton 38-28, Geneva County 20-12, Red Level 41-14, Slocomb 61-0, Cottonwood 32-0, Sanson 21-0, G.W. Long 33-14 and Houston Academy 40-6. With the tough region race now over and the Gamecocks faced with the disappointment of missing the playoffs, this week's clash with winless Wicksburg may be just what the doctor ordered!

ZION CHAPEL (0-8) AT COTTONWOOD (6-2)

The Zion Chapel Rebels will hit the road Friday night when they travel to Houston County to battle the Cottonwood Bears. The Rebels saw their record slip to 0-8 last week with a 46-0 loss to Brantley, but once again had some success moving the football, but could not slow down the powerful Bulldog offense. When the Rebels arrive in



Zion Chapel's new Homecoming Queen Anna Miller was crowned during halftime ceremonies of the football game. Class attendants were Freshman Ashley Parrish, Sophomore Anna Mills, Junior Kenna Roberts and Seniors Whitney Stephens and Samantha Siney.



Zion Chapel's Jamie Wise (15) holds on as Brantley Bulldog running back Devaris Skanes (5) tries to pull away. The Bulldogs defeated the Rebels 46-0 last week to remain undefeated on the season.



Brantley's Coach David Lowery kneels along the sidelines and watches as his team rolls past Zion Chapel to up their record to 8-0 on the season.

STATISTICS

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14	1st Downs
17-290	Rushes-Yds.
139	Passing Yds.
429	Total Offense
7-11-0	Penalties-Yds.
2-10	Turnovers
0-00	Penalties-Yds.
	Punts-Ave.

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County 37-16. While there is no doubt the Bulldogs will be big favorites, they had better be ready, because the 'Cats are coming to town looking to leave with a win.

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A Zion Chapel defender drags down a Brantley runner after a short gain. The Rebels will close out region action this week against Cottonwood.

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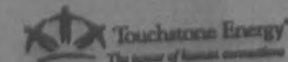
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FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton School News
Sponsors: Lori Cotney & Tracy Whittaker



The New Brockton Elementary School kindergarten class recently visited the 2003 Farm City Petting Zoo Agricultural Exhibits at the Farm Center in New Brockton. This trip continues to be a wonderful learning experience for the students, as well as, a lot of fun. This is an annual trip for the kindergarten class.

New Brockton High School students encouraged to "make it count"

Editorial by Heather Carroll

For as long as I can remember my parents and teachers have told me that in whatever I do, especially school, to "make it count." Never did I know how true those very words were until my senior year in high school. True, I could be considered an "over-achiever," yet now looking back over my days at NBHS I can honestly say that I wish I would have "made it count" a lot sooner than I did.

I am speaking to everyone, but my freshmen, have the most opportunity to make it count. Now is the time to do just that, in everything you do. Whether, it's sports, music, or

grades (especially grades) you need to give it your 110%. Starting now is the best decision you can make. I never imagined when I was a Freshman that one single grade could affect my class rank or GPA as much as it has. My grades are decent and I am actively involved, so it will be easier for me to further my education after graduation.

Don't wait until your senior year to try and bring up your GPA and get involved. I'm not saying drop your social life. Just prioritize. I still go out, and I maintain my grades, as well as my many extracurricular activities.

Colleges don't just look at your grades for scholarships.

They are looking for a well-rounded person, academically and socially, as in your involvement in school, the community, or your church. For example, play sports, join the band, become an active member of a few clubs at school. Whatever you do will be the best that you make it. If you want your club to make a difference, it's up to you. If you want to do something that will make you stand out from the crowd of admission papers, you the members have to be willing to go the extra mile.

As the saying goes, students today are tomorrow's future. Let's make the future brighter for all of us by "making it count," starting today.

Enrichment class visits Old Alabama Town

The sixth grade enrichment class at N.B.E.S. visited Old Alabama Town in Montgomery on September 23, 2003. The sixth grade enrichment class is Tevin McNair, Sarah Sims, Kelly Wood, and Kristin Wood.

Old Alabama Town depicts through architecture decorative and practical arts, and historical interpretation the lifestyle and occupations of Central Alabama's past. A visit to Old Alabama Town helps one to see what life was like in the 19th Century.

The students visited the Grist Mill, where corn was ground, the Cotton Gin where cotton was cleaned and put in bales. They visited a working Blacksmith's shop where the Blacksmith was making tools and visited a Shotgun house, a doctor's office, school, and a church.



Fifth and sixth grade enrichment students pictured from left to right (kneeling) - Chelsea Holloway, Whitney Blackmon, Brandi Hendrix and Steven Sims; (standing) - Courtney Williams, Kristin Wood, Kelly Wood, Sarah Sims and Tevin McNair.

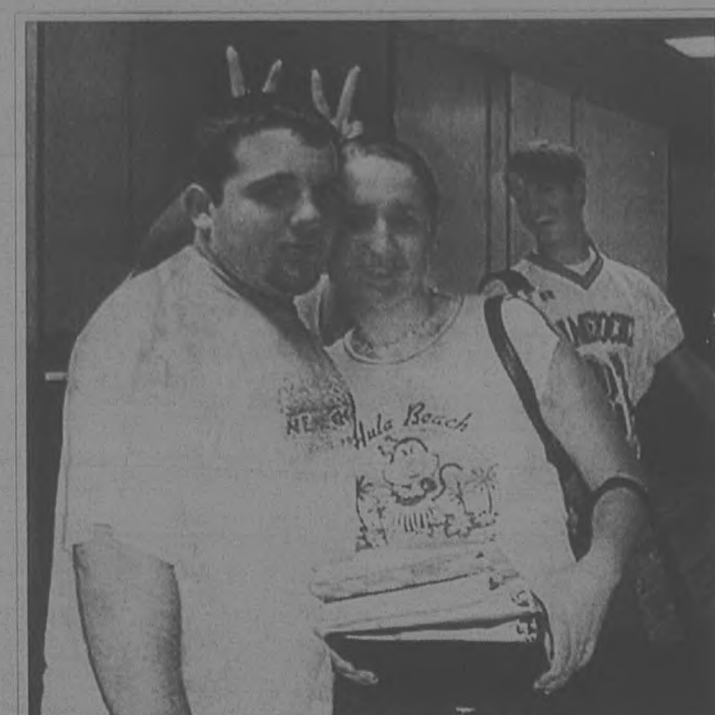
Old Alabama Town also had a store where they had just visited, learned a lot and hope to go again!

Red Ribbon Week at N.B. Elementary:

New Brockton Elementary School will celebrate Red Ribbon Week Oct. 27-31. Each day will have a different theme to include:

Monday - Team Up Against Drugs (wear jersey);
Tuesday - Build a Drug Free America (wear patriotic clothes);
Wednesday - Put a Cap on Drugs (wear caps);
Thursday - Drugs and I Don't Mix (wear mismatched clothes);
Friday - Red Ribbon Day and Balloon Release (wear red).

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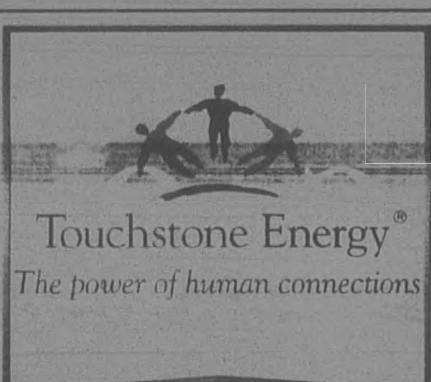


Mystery Moment...Whose bunny ears are those behind Billy and Misty? We'll give you a hint: It's a teacher!

Scenes from Brantley High School's homecoming parade



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Fast Facts



Benjamin Franklin was the motivating force behind the first cooperative in the United States. Called the Philadelphia Contribution for the Insurance of Houses from Loss by Fire, it was formed in 1752. Find out more about America's first cooperative, and Franklin's contribution to its creation at <http://www.ushistory.org/tour/tour-contrib.htm>.



Cooperatives around the world follow the governing principles established in 1844 by the Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers, which was a cooperative started by a group of weavers in Lancashire, England. Learn more about the Rochdale Society at <http://www.rochdale.co.uk/laurel/coop-roots/history.html>.

TURN ON THE LIGHTS!

It was the late 1930s. John Carmody, the national director of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) was in Chattahoochee County, Georgia when he saw the sign that spoke for all of rural America. Pasted on the side of a car, it said: **Mr. Carmody: We Want Lights**.

In 1935, Congress had created the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) which was essentially provided affordable power to rural areas near the Tennessee River. Two years later, it created the REA to bring electrical power to the rest of rural America.

Carmody knew that with agencies owed their existence to Senator George Norris of Nebraska, who was born during the Civil War, Norris was passionate in his belief that electricity would improve the lives of rural Americans.

I could close my eyes and recall the unnumerable scenes...

of the far west and the wondrous twinkling lights performed by hundreds of thousands of women, gracing old prematurely dying before their time, conscious of the great gap between their lives and the lives of those whom the accident of birth or choice placed in the towns and cities.

Why shouldn't I have been interested



In the emancipation of hundreds of thousands of farm women?
Senator George Norris, quoted in *Next Greatest Thing, Fifty Years of Rural Electrification*
Before the government undertook to deliver electricity to farmers, private power companies showed little interest in extending their lines to rural areas. According to the 1930 census, only ten per cent

of American farms had access to electrical power. For urban residents, the figure was ninety per cent. Norris found that unacceptable.

I had seen first hand the grim stridency and grand which had been the common lot of eight generations of American farm women. I had seen the tall candle in my own home, followed by the coal-oil lamp. I knew what it was to take care of the farm chores by the flickering, independent light of the lantern in the mud and cold rains of the fall, and the snow and icy winds of winter.

I had seen the cities gradually acquire a night as light as day.

Senator George Norris
Following World War I, Norris had twice sponsored legislation that created government agencies charged with making electrical power available in rural areas. Twice the legislation had passed both houses, and twice the President had vetoed it. Only the desperate need for jobs fuelled by the Great Depression allowed George Norris to see his dream become a reality.

The REA encouraged farmers to form electrical cooperatives. These businesses, owned and controlled by their members, then borrowed money from the REA to build transmission lines. By 1939, there were 418 rural electrical cooperatives across the country and power was available to twenty-five per cent of the farms in the nation. Want to find out more about electrical cooperatives and rural electrification? Take *The Web Journey*.

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REA & TVA Primary Documents

This collection includes magazine articles, notes, and a play written during the 1930's. Each discusses either the process or benefits of rural electrification. The Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum have made the material available in digitized format. Web Address: <http://www.feri.org/texts/subject.htm#156>.

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<http://www.mhs.org/school/historyday/>

TVA Electricity for All

Prepared from documents in the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, information in this resource covers the period from 1933 to 1939. It includes material about both the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Rural Electrification Administration. Web Address: <http://newdeal.feri.org/tva/index.htm>.

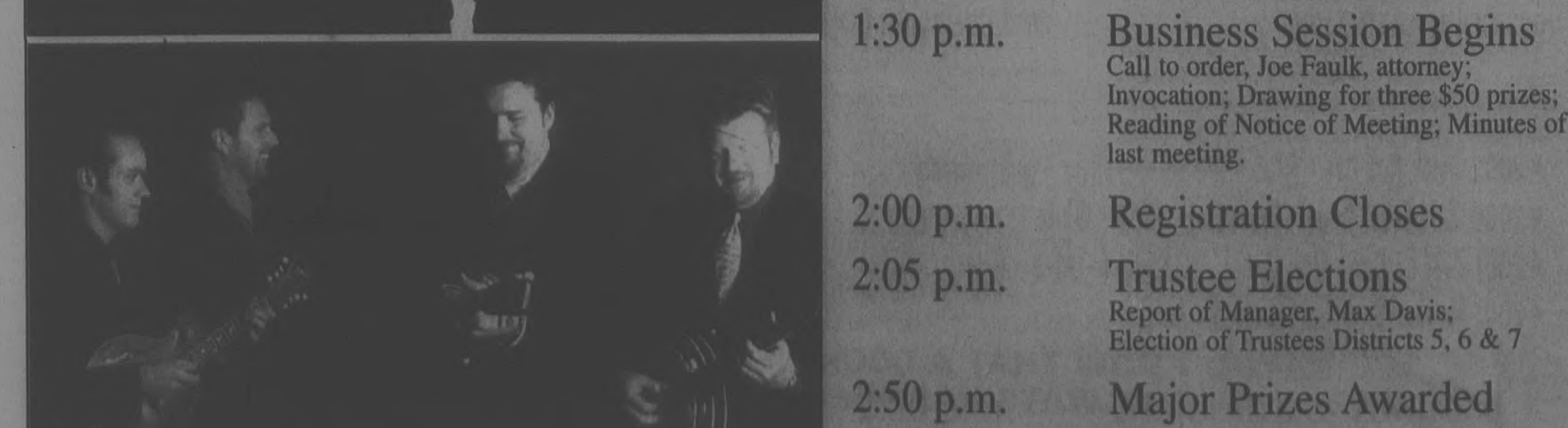
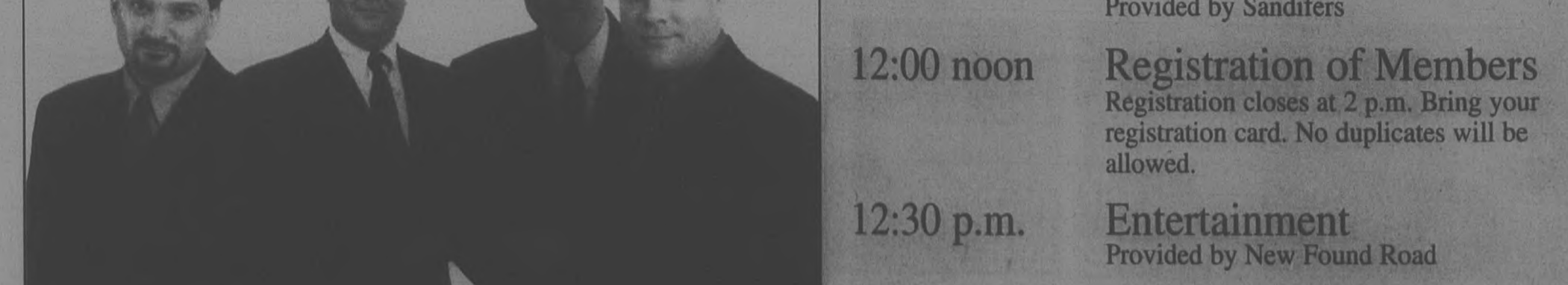
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Schedule of Events

- 11:30 a.m. Entertainment
Provided by Sandifers
- 12:00 noon Registration of Members
Registration closes at 2 p.m. Bring your registration card. No duplicates will be allowed.
- 12:30 p.m. Entertainment
Provided by New Found Road
- 1:30 p.m. Business Session Begins
Call to order, Joe Faulk, attorney; Invocation; Drawing for three \$50 prizes; Reading of Notice of Meeting; Minutes of last meeting.
- 2:00 p.m. Registration Closes
- 2:05 p.m. Trustee Elections
Report of Manager, Max Davis; Election of Trustees Districts 5, 6 & 7
- 2:50 p.m. Major Prizes Awarded

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As number of arrests grow

Officials continue the war on drugs in Coffee County

Officials and investigators of the Twelfth Judicial Drug Task Force want the citizens of Coffee County to know the war on drugs continues and this week released the overall case numbers from the second and third quarter reports.

Because of the heavy case-load, investigators said their news releases have not been very steady, however, due to the wishes of interested citizens to be informed, the frequency of the releases will pick up beginning with these quarter reports from April 2003 through Sept. 2003.

According to the task force investigators, the numbers clearly show all officers associated with the task force, Elba Police Department and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department are still very much dedicated to the war on drugs in Coffee County.

The quarter reports showed 188 cases with 106 arrests made from April 2003 through Sept. 2003. The charges included possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine, crack cocaine, cocaine and prescription drugs), possession of marijuana first degree and second degree, trafficking in cannabis, trafficking in methamphetamine and the manufacture of a controlled substance first and second degree.

29 methamphetamine labs

were seized throughout the county with approximately \$678,000 of methamphetamine based on the amount of meth oil seized.

Investigators and officers also seized approximately \$152,500 of marijuana based on the standard price set by the drug enforcement agency. Seizures of currency and assets were estimated at \$5,000.

Task force officials said all officers involved deserve to be commended and a special thanks for an outstanding job goes to the following officers: Investigator Mark Anderson (59 cases and 32 arrests), Investigator Tony Harrison (24 cases and 10 arrests), Officer Kevin Wise (21 cases and 10 arrests), Officer Neal Bradley (19 cases and 11 arrests), Investigator Leslie Hussey (15 cases and 10 arrests), Officer Austin Redman (eight cases and six arrests), and Deputy Lance Tindol (15 cases and nine arrests).

The statistics reflected here are only those from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and the Elba Police Department's participation in the Twelfth Judicial Drug Task Force and not all the agencies involved in the task force.

The roundup of drug offenses continued during the month of September.

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During Coffee County Commission meeting

Robert Stephens elected to serve as chairman during FY2004

by Linda Hodge, Editor

In a very lengthy three-hour meeting Monday morning, Oct. 27, the Coffee County Commission struggled but finally managed to elect its chairman for FY2004.

The nod went to current chairman Robert Stephens, but it took some time for the commissioners to reach a majority vote.

With its past procedure for electing the chairman being questioned heavily, the commission turned to the state's attorney general's office for an opinion on how to handle the election.

County administrator Wilson Mobley said it was suggested to use the roll call form to elect the chairman. In doing this, each commissioner's name was called, and those wishing to elect that person would raise his/her hand (each commissioner had only one vote).

The first roll call resulted with commissioner Bernest Brooks having one vote,

commissioner Tom Grimsley having one vote, commissioner Robert Stephens having three votes and commissioner Jim Thompson having two votes.

No commissioner had a majority, so commissioners then voted in the same manner with only the names of those receiving votes in the first roll call being called.

This time, Brooks got one vote, Stephens got three votes and Thompson got three votes.

Again, no majority. The commission tried two more times to elect its chairman, but the vote stayed the same each time.

With the vote appearing to be deadlocked, Mobley reminded

commissioners that a chairman would have to be elected by the first meeting in November.

He said they could choose to wait until that meeting, but someone would need to be elected.

At that point, Stephens made a motion to restart the election later in the meeting after all other agenda items had been completed.

He received a second from commissioner Linda Westbrook, and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Brooks then offered a motion to rotate the chairmanship beginning with District One through Seven with each commissioner having the option to accept or decline. This motion received a second from Stephens but failed to pass with

a 4-3 vote.

Once all other agenda items were addressed and completed, Mobley again called the roll for the chairman position.

The vote remained the same as before with Brooks receiving one vote, Stephens receiving three votes and Thompson receiving three votes.

The commissioners tried once more with the same result before Westbrook offered another motion to rotate the chairmanship. She received a second from Brooks.

Commissioner Grimsley then offered an amendment to the motion that since Thompson has not served as chairman, he be named to serve as chairman for FY2004. He received a second from commissioner Doug Dalrymple.

"I've been on this commission for 11 years nearing 12, and I've not been chairman," Brooks responded.

Before this progressed, the county attorney informed commissioners that the law requires the chairman position be an

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CHAMBER HOLDS RIBBON CUTTING FOR NEW OFFICE... The Elba Chamber of Commerce officially celebrated moving to its new home Sunday, Oct. 12, during the "Celebrate Elba 150" reception, and before going inside for a tour and refreshments, guests joined chamber officials in a ribbon cutting ceremony. The new chamber office is located on Putnam Street next to the old Coffee County Jail. Those present for the ribbon cutting included (from left) Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Wayne Grantham, Meredith English, Sam Cooper, Rev. Bobby Holladay, Mary McMillan, Tonya Jones, Herby McCall, Jerry Kelley, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Bob Edmondson, Representative Terry Spicer, Jimmy Harrison, Future Little Miss Elba Annalee Padgett, Doris Mathews, Denise Sauls, Coffee County Commissioner Linda Westbrook, Destiny Hudson, Cathy Edmondson, Cammie Kelley, Judson Vaughan, Melinda Vaughan and Neil Gilmer.

Hard work pays off for Elba Marching Tiger Band at contest



Members of the Elba Marching Tiger Band began working on their 2003 show back in the summer during band camp and have been giving it their all since that first marching drill was held. Throughout the football season, the band has entertained the crowds each and every Friday night with their halftime show while working to perfect their performance for contest season. The first test came at the beginning of October when the band participated in a marching festival in Daleville. The 130 members passed this test and brought trophies home for receiving superior ratings for the drum majors, majorettes, color guard, danceline, percussion and band. However, there was still work to be done as the Marching Tiger Band was set to participate in a contest on Saturday, Oct. 25, in Pinson Valley, Ala. (just outside of Birmingham). This time, the band would be competing with the other bands in its class for best in class. Again, this group of students was prepared to meet the challenge, and gave a memorable performance as they not only received all superior ratings but also brought home the trophies for Best in Class for the majorettes, danceline, percussion and band. This accomplishment certainly did not go unnoticed as Elba was the only band out of about 20 (Class 1A thru Class 4AAA) to receive Best in Class nods for four categories out of six. These students have worked many hours to achieve Saturday evenings accomplishment, and their excitement was evident after being named best in class band for Class 3AAA when several of the members jumped out of the stands to mob band director Jeff Ellis. Following the awards ceremony, Ellis expressed his appreciation to the students and said the evening was proof that hard work and dedication does pay off for those who give it their all. The band was back at work Tuesday evening of this week as they again hit the practice field to work on the final performance of the year which also happens to be Elba High School's Homecoming 2003.

Elba Council approves tax abatement resolutions for new TMD plant

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council approved two resolutions dealing with tax abatements for the new \$13,000,000 Toledo Molding and Die plant currently

under construction in Elba.

According to the agreement, the company projects initially working 80 people. That number increases to 120 within the first year. Annual payroll is expected to approach the three

million dollar mark within a year.

The taxes being abated for the next ten years exclude any education taxes. The agreement covers "all state and local non-educational property taxes, mortgage and recording taxes, and all construction related transactions, except education related. The construction related transaction taxes will not extend beyond the date the project is placed in service, which is early 2004.

The council also approved a resolution for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Float Loan for Dorsey Trailers. This is not new money, but a necessary procedure to redo a CDBG loan made to Dorsey two years ago. This program is administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

A request for rezoning a piece of property off the 203 Bypass was given initial approval by the council. Dr. Mitch Purvis has

requested rezoning of a parcel of land just off the bypass from R-1 to M2. There are approximately 4.5 acres in the parcel of land.

The council members were given copies of the monthly financial statement. Mayor James Grimes noted that with the beginning of the new fiscal year the financial report has been changed to show monthly income with the same month's expenditure. Previously the monthly statement reflected one month's income and another month's expenses. Mayor Grimes explained that the city's accountants recommended the change to better reflect what is actually happening with city finances.

The council will hold a work session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday night, October 27th. Grimes said this was to study some revisions in the bylaws for the Elba Fire Department.

The next regular meeting for the council will be Monday, Nov. 10, at 5:30 p.m.

"Pumpkins on the Square" set for Thursday evening, Oct. 30, in Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will kick off the holiday season this week with "Pumpkins on the Square" Thursday, Oct. 30, from 5:30-7 p.m. Merchants around the square are asked to decorate their storefronts in a fall theme and also to display their Halloween spirit

by dressing in costume. The merchants will treat children in costume with candies. Due to the overwhelming response again last year, the chamber is asking for candy donations to be distributed among the merchants. Candy donations may be dropped off at the chamber office, and any business not located around the square is welcome to set up and distribute candy to young trick-or-treaters.

To add to the festivities, there will be a Children's Halloween Costume Contest. Judges will be present to select the scariest or most original costume in each age division. Winners will receive a certificate along with a prize. Age divisions are: Kindergarten thru Third Grade and Fourth Grade thru Sixth Grade.

Hay rides will be a huge part of this fun filled evening, and concessions will be available.

Also, Elba City Schools will celebrate Homecoming during the week of October 27-31. The annual pep rally and bonfire will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, at 7:30 p.m. behind the old football field. The Elba Tigers will play Friday night, Oct. 31, at Tiger Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

Area Happenings

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL'S annual Homecoming Parade will be Friday, Oct. 31, at 3 p.m. The deadline for submitting parade entries is Thursday, Oct. 30, at 12 Noon. Call Elba High School (897-2266) to submit entries. Parade participants should meet behind the old high school at 1:30 p.m. for line-up assignments. For more information, please see the Tiger Tales page.

TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS in the Town of New Brockton will be Friday, Oct. 31, from 5-7 p.m.

THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Oct. 31, at the Elba Tigers host Geneva County for Homecoming. The Kinston Bulldogs host the New Brockton Gamecocks; the Zeb Chapel Patriots host McKeen and the Ripley Bulldogs travel to Laverne.

THE COFFEE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD will conduct its quarterly board meeting Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m., at the county office complex in New Brockton.